

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING
January 10, 2011
WATER DISTRICT 37, BIG WOOD RIVER
WATER DISTRICT 37M, LITTLE WOOD RIVER AND SILVER CREEK

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Frederic Brossy called the Annual Water Users meeting, held at the Old Hailey Courthouse in Hailey, Idaho for Water District 37, Big Wood River and Water District 37M, Little Wood River and Silver Creek, to order at 1:34 pm on January 10, 2011.

ITEM #2 SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Greg Lierman made the motion that Frederic Brossy preside as chairman for the January 10, 2011 annual meeting. Gary Osborne seconded the motion. Gary Osborne made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion for Frederic Brossy to preside as Chairman of the 2011 meeting passed unopposed.

ITEM #3 SELECTION OF SECRETARY

Chairman Brossy asked for nominations for secretary. Pepin Corso-Harris nominated Cyndi McCowan as secretary of the January 10, 2011 annual meeting. Larry Schoen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman Brossy asked if there were additions or corrections to the 2010 minutes? Gary Osborne made the motion to accept the minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting as presented. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #5 SELECTION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

ITEM #6 REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman Brossy asked for comments on Items #5 and #6. He suggested tabling the selection of a credentials committee until the time there may be need for one. There was no credentials committee report.

ITEM #7 ADOPTION OF 2011 DISTRICT 37 BUDGET

ITEM #8 ADOPTION OF 2011 DISTRICT 37M BUDGET

Watermaster Kevin Lakey gave an overview of the 2011 budget presented for adoption. He commented that a 1.5% increase had been given to all the employees but in addition a workload increase of 7.5% had been given to the Above Magic Deputy and a 3% increase had been given to the Silver Cr/Upper Little Wood Deputy due to the increased workload that had come about in recent years. He pointed out a reduction to the Medical Insurance premium due to a change of insurance providers. The work at the Ketchum Gage station had not been completed but that site was scheduled to be on line during 2011. The District would not be continuing with funding of the Willow Creek site as it was determined the information provided was not as beneficial to the Water District as it had been in earlier years.

Jim White asked how the District determined the annual assessments? Kevin explained a 5-year average of water use along with a calculation was used in determining a users assessment. He asked the names of the Deputies, their functions and what their phone numbers were. Mr. White was provided with that information. He asked about the

maintenance of the head gate at the District 45? Kevin explained he did regular maintenance at all the head gates when it was within his capability. If it involved a large job, work could be scheduled with other maintenance professionals.

Jan Super raised the question concerning a balance sheet to be provided to the water users, showing income and expenses. After further discussion, it is noted that a Balance Sheet had not been provided to the Water Users in previous years, but an inquiry to the Water Districts accountants could provide guidance for the Water District management in providing such information.

George Kirk asked about the Stanton Crossing and Willow Creek Gaging sites, if the Water District could assist in the improvement to these sites? Kevin said he wasn't sure what had actually happened at those sites but that Idaho Power was responsible for the improvements.

Nick Purdy made the motion that Item #7 Water District 37 2011 Budget & Item #8 Water District 37M 2011 Budget be adopted as presented. George Kirk seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #9 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR DISTRICTS 37 & 37M

Greg Lierman made the motion to approve the 2011 resolutions as presented. Gerald Bashaw seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #10 SELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Greg Lierman made the motion to accept the 2010 Advisory board members as the 2011 Advisory board. Judy Grigsby made a motion for Jim White to replace Pete Van Der Meulen as the Big Wood above Magic representative. Betty Grant seconded the motion. In discussion, Jim White asked what the geographical boundaries were for each of the persons on the board? Chairman Brossy commented the areas were shown as described next to the names of the representative in the minutes of the 2010 meeting. Jack Loper nominated Pete Van Der Meulen to remain as the Big Wood above Magic representative. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. Mr. White asked that his nomination be withdrawn as he felt he would prefer to attend the advisory board meetings before becoming a member of the board. Betty Grant withdrew her second of the motion to elect Jim White to the 2011 advisory board. Judy Grigsby withdrew her nomination of Jim White for election to the 2011 advisory board. Jack Loper withdrew his second of the motion to nominate Pete Van Der Meulen to the 2011 advisory board. Greg Lierman withdrew his nomination of Pete Van Der Meulen to be elected to the advisory board for 2011. Jack Loper seconded the original motion to accept the 2010 Advisory board members as the 2011 Advisory board. The Water Districts 2011 advisory board members would be as follows:

<u>Bill Arkoosh</u>	<u>Little Wood Hydropower</u>
<u>Frederic Brossy</u>	<u>Lower Silver Creek/Little Wood River</u>
<u>Harvey Brauburger</u>	<u>American Falls Reservoir District #2</u>
<u>Jerry Nance</u>	<u>Big Wood Canal Company</u>
<u>Gerald Bashaw</u>	<u>Upper Silver Creek</u>
<u>Pete Van Der Meulen</u>	<u>Big Wood Above Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Howard Morris</u>	<u>Big Wood Below Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Allen Koyle</u>	<u>Big Wood Hydropower</u>

There was no more discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #11 DISTRICT NEWS AND UPDATES

Allen Merritt, IDWR Southern Regional Manager and Rich Rigby, previously from the Bureau of Reclamation now working with the IDWR said things had changed in the eyes of the Department of Water Resources so the process of development of a groundwater management district within Basin 37 was anticipated to begin during 2011. Each gave their perspective of the timeline; ideas and how they anticipated the process would work along with what would be involved. They commented that domestic wells would not be included in the process because of state statute.

Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoen proposed a local working group to identify measures needed to proceed more smoothly in the conjunctive management process. He stated the idea of a working group of interested persons was appealing to the interim director Gary Spackman and the Water Resource board. The working group meetings would be open to the public and comments would be accepted. He said some people thought this would be a chance to have the minimum stream flow rules changed but that was a different issue. The group would range from 7 to 13 individuals consisting of municipalities, the Ag- community and other interests, but would also include individuals from the IDWR along with Rich Rigby. The group would be selected from all areas above Magic Reservoir. It was his hope that all parties could work together to effectively detour court proceedings, which would stifle the process for years to come.

Watermaster Kevin Lakey gave an update on the 2011 goals for the Water Districts. He said they were mostly ongoing processes of development but a direction for the district. The goals included the continued work with GIS, updating the districts decree books and off-season water delivery. He discussed some areas in the district where non-consumptive rights were being monitored closely to prevent or determine injury to others, continued work with IDWR, performance reviews of employees, improvement of automated record keeping and installation of more water data loggers.

Kevin discussed the donations to the Wood River Basin Enhancement Water Supply Bank (Legacy Project).

Before the meeting concluded, Watermaster Kevin Lakey read a paragraph from the 1923 Hydrological Book (Black Book), quoting then Watermaster S.C. Chapman. Kevin commented that would have been a time approximately 40 years after the first decrees, but the importance of water management had not changed.

ITEM #12 ADJOURN

Chairman Brossy adjourned the meeting at 3:16 pm.

Respectfully,

Frederic Brossy
Chairman
Water District 37 & 37M

Cyndi McCowan
Sec./Treas.
Water District 37 & 37M